The breakup of causes of road accidents for road stretches is as under:

(i) Road User Behaviour	-	78%
(ii) Vehicle Defect	-	11%
(iii) Poor Road Geometries	-	7%
(iv) Poor visibility	-	4%

The break up of factors for accidents at intersections is as under:

(i) III Designed Layout of Intersection	-	20%
(ii) Road User Behaviour	-	31%
(iii) Absence/inadequacy of Advance Traffic Guidance Devices	-	35%
(iv) Insufficient Visibility	-	11%
(v) Absence of Street Lights	-	3%

During preparation of detailed Project Report by Consultant, emphasis is always given to ascertain vulnerability of users to accidents. Accordingly, necessary provisions such as service road, flyovers, under passes (vehicular/pedestrian)/guard rails, crash barriers and warning signages are made part of the project.

(d)Not applicable.

(e)No officials had visited foreign countries to acquire advanced knowledge about measures for prevention of accidents on NHs in the last five years.

Institutions for studying NH

507. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a)the details of institutions established for studying and conducting training pertaining to planning, construction, operation and maintenance of National Highways (NHs);

(b)whether Government are contemplating to establish more such institutions;

(c)if so, the details thereof, indicating places/locations identified for the same, the proposed time frame and estimated cost to the exchequer; and

(d)the details of the parameters followed, if any, in selection of places and locations for setting up such institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) There is only one Institution namely, the National Institute for Training of Highway Engineers (NITHE) that has been established by this Ministry for studying and conducting training of the Highway Engineers pertaining to planning construction, operation and maintenance of roads including National Highways.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.